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SUBJECT: IRAQI PROTEST: VOA EDITORIAL

REF: BAGHDAD 1160

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AMBASSADOR: MY RESPONSE TO THE IRAQI PROTEST (REFTEL)  
OVER FEBRUARY 17 VOA EDITORIAL BY MAKING THE FOLLOWING

POINTS:

— IT IS IN NO WAY USG POLICY TO SUGGEST THAT THE  
GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ IS ILLEGITIMATE OR THAT THE PEOPLE OF  
IRAQ SHOULD OR WILL REVOLT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ.

— WE REGRET THAT THE WORDING OF THE VOA EDITORIAL LEFT  
IT OPEN TO THAT INCORRECT INTERPRETATION.

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3. FYI: DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT FAILURE TO CLEAR THE  
TEXT OF THE EDITORIAL REPRESENTS A VIOLATION OF THE  
UNDERSTANDING WE HAVE WITH USIA, AND BY EXTENSION, VOA.  
WE INTEND TO FOLLOW UP. HAKER

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